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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated

August 23, 2006 (Paper Number 20060818) which imposed a
restriction requirement in the above-captioned patent
application, the Applicants provisionally elect the claims
of Group I, claims 1-11, without traverse; and now cancel
claims 12 and 21.

A listing of the claims begins on page 2.

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